

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to reflect the priority document information. Claims 1-31 are pending in the instant application. Additionally, Claims 17, 18, 19 and 22 have been amended to conform the claims to current United States patent practices. New Claims 24-31 have been added. Support for the amendments is found in the specification as originally filed at pages 25-33. The present amendments are fully supported by the as filed specification and claims. No new matter has been introduced by the amendment.

Applicants respectfully request the entrance of the foregoing amendments and an early and favorable action, as the application and claims are in condition for allowance.

If a telephonic communication with the Applicants' representative will advance the prosecution of the instant application, please telephone the representative indicated below. Applicants believe no additional fees are due but the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees required in connection with this response to Merck Deposit Account No. 13-2755.

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